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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Robert Thomas Owen Rees	)	Group Art No.: 2126
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Application No:	09/555,465	)	Examiner: Zhen, Li B
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Filed:	05/30/2000	)	Re: <b>Office Action Response</b>
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For:	"Object Gateway"	)	Our Ref: B-3942 617908-5
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		)	Date: December 27, 2004

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 3, 2004, an extended reply to which is due no later than March 21, 2005. Please consider the following remarks. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

A petition for a one-month extension of time is included with this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.